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# REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1952

TOGETHER WITH THE

# REPORT

OF THE

Chief Sanitary Inspector



# Dunmow Rural District Council

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICES,  
TOWN HALL,  
BRAINTREE.

July, 1953

MR CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting this Annual Report I must point out to the Council that I am doing so on behalf of the late Dr Kalra and can claim little personal knowledge of the District. As however, the various problems are precisely those of the Halstead Rural District for which I have been Medical Officer of Health for many years, I feel that I can make these few observations.

**HOUSING.** The time is, without doubt, at hand when, instead of the provision of extra houses, the remedying of existing houses will be the major concern of the Council. Dealing with bad property is usually afforded at the present time only when such houses become vacant owing to the transfer of their tenants to Council Houses. It is, in my opinion, of importance that demolition orders or undertakings to reconstruct and not to relet should be legally secured on such property prior to the transfers. This prevents re-occupation and protects intending purchasers who may wish to inhabit the houses. Once again, Clearance Areas may be considered and it may be that there are such areas that can be only dealt with in this way, although such action will entail extensive rehousing of the occupants by the Council.

**SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.** The Council have several smaller plans for sewerage and sewage disposal for villages and hamlets in the District. Owing to the vast amount of such work throughout the country at the present time, sanction is only given for commencement of work in cases where it is of necessity in the interests of the health of the public. This leaves a problem for Medical Officers of Health who, whilst only too anxious to have such services installed, must sometimes consider carefully before giving the necessary certificates. I have given this special consideration to the schemes proposed for Takeley, Little Hallingbury and Barnston, and am satisfied that it is in this way necessary. I hope that permission to proceed with the work may be granted in the near future.

I am, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. S. RANSON

## STATISTICS AND LOCAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	72,511
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...				18,980
Number of inhabited houses according to rate books						5,968
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£90,705
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£369 1s. 5d.

Dunmow    England  
R.D.C.    & Wales

### Live Births

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	255	121	134
Illegitimate	18	11	7

**Still Births**                                      4                      1                      3

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	14.3	15.3
Birth Rate corrected by comparability figure of 1.14	16.3	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still births)	... 14.4	22.6

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<b>Deaths</b> (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	210	
Death Rate per 1,000 resident population	...	...	11.06	11.3
Death Rate corrected by comparability figure of 0.89			9.8	
Deaths of infants under one year of age	...	...	6	
Death Rate of infants under one year of age (per 1,000 live births)	...	...	21.9	27.6
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	23.5	
Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	0	
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	43	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	0	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	0	



## DEATHS

### DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1952

The Table below was compiled from figures supplied by the Registrar-General and the classification is given under the 36 headings based on the Abbreviated List of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948.

Cause of Death					Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	2	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	1	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	3	3
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	5	—
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	3
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	15	13
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	14	18
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	12	10
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	1	2
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	15	17
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	4	5
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	4	5
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	1	—
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	2	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	1	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	3	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	2	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	—	—
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	12	16
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	2	1
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	3	4
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	1	1
36.	Homicide and other operations of war	...	...	...	1	—
All causes					105	105

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGE GROUPS DURING 1952  
(Registered and Transferred)

Age Group				Registered	No. of Deaths Transferred
Under 1 year	...	...	...	—	6
1 and under 2 years	...	...	...	—	2
2 and under 5 years	...	...	...	—	—
5 and under 15 years	...	...	...	—	—
15 and under 25 years	...	...	...	—	2
25 and under 35 years	...	...	...	4	2
35 and under 45 years	...	...	...	—	2
45 and under 55 years	...	...	...	7	9
55 and under 65 years	...	...	...	11	9
65 and under 75 years	...	...	...	19	22
75 and upwards	...	...	...	69	46
Total				110	100



## 2. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

### CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN 1952

				Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Dead
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	14	3	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	22	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	5	5	—
Measles	...	...	...	292	1	—
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	13	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	1	—	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	19	1	—
Infective Hepatitis	...	...	...	2	—	—
			Totals	368	10	—

### TUBERCULOSIS—CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1952

			Pulmonary Male	Pulmonary Female	Non-pulmonary Male	Non-pulmonary Female
Under 1 year	...	...	—	—	—	—
1 and under 5 years	...	...	1	—	—	—
5 and under 10 years	...	...	—	—	—	—
10 and under 15 years	...	...	—	—	—	—
15 and under 20 years	...	...	1	—	—	—
20 and under 25 years	...	...	1	1	—	—
25 and under 35 years	...	...	2	1	—	—
35 and under 45 years	...	...	1	1	—	—
45 and under 55 years	...	...	3	1	—	—
55 and under 65 years	...	...	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	...	...	1	—	—	—
		Totals	10	4	—	—

Of these cases 3 were of cases re-notified on taking up residence in this District.

#### Deaths from Tuberculosis:

Pulmonary	...	...	Male	2
			Female	—
Non-pulmonary	...	...	Male	1
			Female	—
			Total	3

#### FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS—2.



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
THE COUNCIL OFFICES,  
DUNMOW.

June, 1953

MR CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you the annual report of the work of the Department during the year of 1952.

The number of houses completed during the year (75) showed an increase of 25 on the previous year's total. The number of houses under construction at the end of the year was 87 compared with 88 at the end of 1951. A further 24 houses had been authorised but had not been commenced.

The trial borehole at Armitage Bridge, Thaxted, proved satisfactory and the 18" permanent borehole was completed during the year. A contract for main laying was approved and work commenced during the year. This was for laying mains in Great Dunmow, Thaxted, Stebbing, Hatfield Broad Oak and Great Canfield. The link in Stebbing was completed by the end of the year.

The field of sewerage and sewage disposal saw considerable progress in the carrying out of the Contract for the sewerage of Stebbing and for the modernisation of Great Dunmow Sewage Disposal Works. Both of these Contracts were nearing completion at the end of the year. In spite of several applications to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government no authorities to carry out any further schemes were obtained.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Council for their confidence and the staff for their loyalty and assistance during the year.

I remain, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. B. GARDNER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector

# Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

## WATER

The water supplies in the area were adequate and were obtained from the Council's Waterworks at Great Dunmow and at Thaxted and from the Herts and Essex Waterworks Company Limited.

Regular samples were taken throughout the year and these were found to be satisfactory. Reports on three of these samples by the Counties Public Health Laboratories appear below:—

### **Dunmow Waterworks**

“This sample is clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from metals. The water is very hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. Its organic quality is of the highest standard and it is of very satisfactory bacterial purity. These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.”

### **Thaxted Waterworks**

“This sample is clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from metals. The water is very hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. Its organic quality and bacterial purity are of a high standard. These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes apart from the disadvantages of the high hardness.”

### **Herts and Essex Waterworks Co. Ltd.**

(Roydon Pumping Station)

“This sample has opalescent and appreciable turbidity which is due to the presence of iron. The water is neutral in reaction, very hard in character though not excessively so and it contains no excess of salinity or mineral constituents in solution. It is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity. Apart from the objection to the iron, these results are consistent with a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes. Softening would be advantageous.”

### **Thaxted Borehole**

The 18" diameter permanent borehole was completed during the year and orders were placed for the pumping machinery and equipment necessary for the borehole to be brought into use.



## High Easter Water Tower

An application for permission to proceed with the erection of the proposed water tower at High Easter was made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government but they stated that the work must be deferred for a further year in view of the amount of steel required.

## Mains Extensions

Permission was given by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for a small programme of main laying to proceed as follows:—

2,200 yards—Peckers, Great Canfield to Wises, Hatfield Broad Oak.

1,394 yards—Lindsell to Duck End, Stebbing.

1,322 yards—Thaxted Pumping Station to Claypits Corner, Thaxted.

984 yards—Saracens Head Hotel to Clock House, Gt. Dunmow.

The link between Lindsell and Duck End, Stebbing, had been completed by the end of the year.

In addition 600 yards of 3 inch water main were laid as set out below:—

Garnetts Lane, Felsted	...	...	300 yards
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Jollyboys Lane, Felsted	...	...	100 yards
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Barnfield, Hatfield Broad Oak	...	...	200 yards
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(by arrangement with Herts & Essex Waterworks Co. Ltd.)

## Quantities of Water pumped:

Thaxted Waterworks	...	...	129,890,000 gallons
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Dunmow Waterworks	...	...	42,336,600 gallons
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			172,226,600 gallons
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## New Connections:

No. of houses connected to the Council's water mains during year

...	...	...	...	...	111
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No. of new metered supplies	...	...	...	...	31
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No. of repaired services	...	...	...	...	78
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No. of main repairs	...	...	...	...	23
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## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

### Stebbing Sewerage Scheme—Contract 7

Work proceeded steadily during the year on this scheme for the sewerage of Stebbing and the enlarging of Felsted Sewage Disposal Works. By the end of the year the two Pumping Stations were erected and were being plastered; the 9" sewers were completed and work was nearing completion on the 6" sewers and the manholes.

## **Great Dunmow Sewage Disposal Works—Contract 8**

The Contractors commenced work on the modernisation scheme for these Works in February. Work progressed steadily and by the end of the year the two filters and the sedimentation tanks were almost complete; the sludge drying beds and the humus tanks were well advanced and the brickwork for the Pumping Station was five feet high.

## **Upper Chelmer Valley Scheme—Contract 9**

During the year the land and the R.A.F. sewage disposal works at Great Easton standing thereon were acquired and negotiations were commenced for the acquisition of the land for the proposed pumping station at Great Easton. A further application was made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the starting date for this Contract to be renewed and it was pointed out that it was not possible for the Council to abate the pollution of the River Chelmer without carrying out this scheme. No reply had been received from the Ministry by the end of the year.

## **Barnston**

Agreement was reached during the year on the site for the proposed sewage disposal works and tenders were invited for the scheme and were submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The Ministry replied that approval for the carrying out of the work could not be given at the present time.

## **White Roding**

A scheme for the sewerage of this parish was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government during the year but by the end of the year agreement had not been reached with the land owner on the question of a site for the proposed disposal works although negotiations were continuing.

## **Causeway End, Felsted**

A scheme for this hamlet was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in November, 1951 and the Ministry replied that "it has not been found possible to allow this scheme to proceed."

## **Takeley and Little Hallingbury**

The Lee Conservancy Catchment Board gave consent in November, 1951, for openings to be made to their River Network in these parishes and a further application was made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in December, 1952 for permission to proceed with the schemes for these parishes. It was pointed



out that conditions in Takeley which were bad enough in 1939 for an approval to be given were becoming increasingly worse. No reply had been received by the end of the year.

**High Easter and Willows Green, Felsted**

Schemes were under active preparation by the end of the year and at High Easter negotiations were proceeding for the purchase of the site for the proposed Pumping Station.

**POLLUTION OF STREAMS**

Streams which have been polluted for years continued to be polluted owing to the refusal of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to authorise the carrying out of any sewerage schemes, details of which are given above. The main areas of pollution were:

**Chelmer Watershed**

- River Chelmer at Thaxted, Duton Hill, Great Easton, Little Easton and Great Dunmow.
- Barnston Brook at Barnston.
- Stebbing Brook at Bran End, Church End and Town Mill, Stebbing.

**Lee Watershed**

- Pincey Brook at Takeley Street.

Pollution of the River Chelmer at Great Dunmow and of the Stebbing Brook at Stebbing should cease with the completion of Contracts 7 and 8.



**Sewer Extensions**

Extensions to the Council's sewers to serve housing estates were made as follows during the year:—

Barnfield, Hatfield Broad Oak	250 yards of 6" sewer
Garnetts Lane, Felsted	300 yards of 6" sewer
Jollyboys Lane, Felsted	100 yards of 6" sewer
Stortford Road, Great Dunmow	300 yards of 6" sewer

**Connections to Sewers**

During the year 66 premises were connected to the Council's sewers as shown below:—

Thaxted	7	Felsted	16
Great Dunmow	19	Hatfield Broad Oak	14
Duton Hill	8	Hatfield Heath	1
Little Dunmow			1

## **Sewage Effluents**

Hatfield Broad Oak and Hatfield Heath Sewage Works continued to yield very satisfactory effluents. Samples from Felsted Sewage Works and Great Dunmow Sewage Works were unsatisfactory but both these Works are being extended and modernised. Satisfactory samples were obtained from Thaxted Sewage Works.

## **PUBLIC CLEANSING**

The collection of house refuse was maintained during the year. The collection is weekly in the Lighting Areas of Great Dunmow, Felsted and Thaxted, and fortnightly in the remainder of the District. The refuse continued to be tipped in the disused gravel pits at Merks Hill, Great Dunmow, by arrangement with the owner.

## **SALVAGE**

The collection of waste paper was continued during the year. Fifty-five tons were collected and despatched to the Mills for the sum of £542.

## **SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA**

The Council's Sanitary Inspectors made 3,594 visits and inspections in the course of the year. Details of these are given below:—

Housing and Public Health Acts	...	...	1739
Complaints	...	...	203
Slaughter-houses	...	...	152
Other Meat and Food Visits	...	...	52
Shops Acts	...	...	151
Milk and Dairies	...	...	55
Factories	...	...	183
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	281
Schools	...	...	39
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	16
Infectious Diseases Prevention	...	...	36
Water supplies	...	...	99
Drainage	...	...	127
Cesspools, Septic Tanks and Pail Closets	...	...	53
Sewage Disposal	...	...	96
Refuse Disposal	...	...	12
Rodent Control	...	...	300

## **Nuisances Detected and Notices Served**

Nuisances detected	...	...	150
Informal notices served	...	...	55
Notices outstanding 1st January, 1952	...	...	93
Notices outstanding 31st December, 1952	...	...	71
Statutory Notices served	...	...	3
Legal Proceedings	...	...	Nil

## SHOPS

No formal action was necessary during the year.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT

No action was necessary during the year.

## FACTORIES

Particulars of the premises registered by the Council under the Factories Act, 1937, and of the inspections made are to be found as follows:—

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors):

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	52	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	75	131	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) ...	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	111	183	—	—

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	13	9	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperatures (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ...	4	1	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes ...	3	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to out-workers) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	22	12	—	—	—

## TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

At the end of the year, in addition to seasonal workers in agriculture, sites were used at:

Parish	Sites	Vans	Tents	Huts	Adults	Children
Aythorpe Roding ...	1	1	—	—	1	—
Barnston ...	4	3	—	2	6	5
Broxted ...	1	1	—	—	1	—
Little Canfield ...	3	4	—	—	8	1
Great Dunmow ...	2	2	—	—	4	2
Great Easton ...	1	1	—	—	1	—
Felsted ...	8	12	—	1	26	3
Great Hallingbury ...	2	2	—	—	3	—
Little Hallingbury ...	2	2	—	—	4	—
Hatfield Broad Oak ...	2	2	—	1	4	2
Hatfield Heath ...	2	6	2	—	11	8
Leaden Roding ...	2	2	—	—	3	—
Stebbing ...	4	12	1	2	28	13
Takeley ...	14	22	—	3	37	19
Thaxted ...	5	4	—	1	7	2
White Roding ...	4	4	3	2	11	6
Totals ...	57	80	6	12	155	61

51 of the sites have access to main water supply, 4 sites have water supply from wells and 2 sites have no water supply. The sanitary accommodation is 23 pail closets, 49 Elsan closets and 8 water closets.

## RODENT CONTROL

The Council's Sanitary Inspectors made 81 primary visits and 219 re-visits in respect of infestations by rats and mice during the year.

## VERMIN

20 premises were disinfested during the year after complaints of infestation by fleas and bugs. The standard form of treatment was spray with a 5 per cent solution of D.D.T. and Gammexane Smoke Generators. No major problem occurred.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Disinfections after cases of Infectious Disease were carried out as under:—

Private houses	...	10
Schools	...	5



## HOUSING

During the year 239 houses were inspected and recorded, the work being mainly confined to the parishes of Little Easton and Hatfield Broad Oak.

No. of houses condemned	...	Nil
No. of houses demolished	...	2
No. of Undertakings given	...	4

### New building

The number of Council houses completed during 1952 was 75. Those built by private enterprise numbered 23 and there were also 2 conversions by private enterprise. At the close of the year there were 87 Council houses actively under construction and 20 private houses. A further 24 Council houses were authorised but had not been commenced by the end of the year.

The number of applications for Council houses at 31st December, 1952, was 481.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Meat Inspection

No change took place in this branch of Public Health work. Slaughtering of pigs continued at the Dunmow Bacon Factory and the inspections were carried out by the Council's Meat and Food Inspectors.

Carcases inspected and condemned:	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known) ...	5	4	73,980†
Number inspected ... ..	5	4	73,911
<b>All diseases except T.B.</b>			
Whole carcases condemned ... ..	—	—	68
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	—	—	10,969
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. ... ..	—	—	14.8 %
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>			
Whole carcases condemned ... ..	—	—	44
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	—	—	1,782
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B. ... ..	—	—	2.4 %

†Pigs which arrived dead or died in lairs were examined for scheduled diseases but were not inspected for food.

There was a notable reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis during the year.

207 lbs. of Carcase meat was inspected and condemned in Butchers' shops.

## Other Food

During the year the following food stuffs were found upon inspection in shops, etc., to be unfit for human consumption:—

Milk	58 tins	Soup	5 tins
Meat	40 tins	Fish	13 tins
Vegetables	19 tins	Miscellaneous	
Ham	22 tins	Foods	65 tins
Ham	80 lbs.	Cheese	16 lbs.
Fruit	85 tins	Bacon	53 lbs.

## Milk

There were 18 persons registered in the District as Distributors of Milk and 11 Dairies (not being dairy farms) were also registered. Dealers' licences were in force as under:—

To use special designation "T.T."	...	11
To use special designation "Pasteurised"	...	9
To use special designation "Sterilised"	...	2
Supplementary licences to use special designation		
	"T.T."	3
	"Pasteurised"	3
	"Sterilised"	1

## Ice Cream

There were 61 premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream.

## Bakehouses

The number of Bakehouses in operation at the end of the year was 13. No unsatisfactory conditions existed other than occasional neglect of limewashing which was dealt with as a routine matter.

## Food Hygiene

There were <sup>2</sup>~~no~~ cases of food poisoning in the District during the year.

Regular visits were made to food premises to ensure that the Council's Byelaws for the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air were being complied with, and advice as necessary was given to food handlers.



## NEW LEGISLATION

The following Acts came into force during the year:—

Housing Act, 1952

Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952.

## RAINFALL

The rainfall as recorded at Thaxted Waterworks during the year is given below:—

			inches
January	...	...	1.93
February	...	...	.50
March	...	...	2.70
April	...	...	1.24
May	...	...	1.11
June	...	...	1.01
July	...	...	.71
August	...	...	4.004
September	...	...	1.06
October	...	...	2.92
November	...	...	3.44
December	...	...	1.582
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			22.206

Heaviest fall: 1.1 inch on 16th August. Longest period without rain: 19 days from 22nd August to 9th September.





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